



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Harington Rocks VRH & VDT Timber Sale 30-083920 and associated Forest Practice Application No. 2413754, a six unit proposal, plus associated right of way, comprised of 168 acres of four variable retention harvest units and two variable density thinning units totaling an estimated 3,908 MBF. The proposal includes 314 feet of required road construction, 11,096 feet of optional construction, 10,325 feet of required pre-haul maintenance, 3,706 feet of abandonment, if constructed.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owls – This proposal is located within the Mineral Creek SOMU and the North Fork Mineral SOMU. Units 1-4 of this harvest are classified as non-habitat. Units 5 and 6 are classified as "Next Best Habitat". Two Status 1 Owl Circles are located outside the proposal area. This proposal is in compliance with PR 14-004-120 Northern Spotted Owl Management (Westside),

Marbled Murrelet– This proposal is located within the HCP South Puget Planning Unit, which does not have a Marbled Murrelet Reclassified Habitat model. No suitable Marbled Murrelet Habitat was identified within the harvest boundaries or within 300 feet of the harvest boundaries, PR 14-004-320,

Riparian Management and Wetland Management Zones (RMZs and WMZs) – Eleven Type 3 streams and one Forested Wetland are protected with 130 foot buffers. Eight Type 4 streams are protected with 100 foot buffers. Sixteen Type 5 streams are protected with 30 foot equipment limitation zones. RMZ thinning in Units 5 and 6 is in accordance with an approved variance. Units 5 and 6 have an RMZ thinning leaving a relative density of 30 and approximately 100 trees per acre. All buffers associated with this proposal meet or exceed HCP requirements, PR 14-004-150,

Rain on Snow – This proposal is located within the designated rain on snow zone in sub-basins #6, #7 and #8 within the North Fork Mineral Creek WAU removing approximately 121.5 acres of the hydrologically mature timber. These sub-basins will retain at least 2/3 of the sub-basin acres in hydrologically mature stands post harvest, PR 14-004-060,

Retention Trees– An average of 8 trees per acre will be retained in Units #1, #2, #3 and #4. Following harvest, Units #5 and #6 will be fully stocked stands with a residual relative density (RD) of 30 leaving an average of 100 trees per acre. Leave trees will be distributed throughout all units, PR 14-004-210,

Roads – To reduce potential for negative resource impacts during the typical wet season, road construction, rock haul and timber haul will not be permitted from November 1 to May 31, nor on weekends or state recognized holidays unless authority to do so is granted, in writing, by the Contract Administrator. If permission is granted to operate between November 1 and May 31, the Purchaser may be required to provide a "Closed Season Plan" to include further protection of water, soil, roads and other forest assets. The "Closed Season Plan" must be approved in writing by the Contract Administrator. At any time during periods of wet weather, the yarding of timber, road construction and

hauling of logs will not be permitted if excessive rutting occurs. Rock for this proposal can be obtained from State owned Griffin Rock Pit.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

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Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal is located in Sections 2 and 12 both in Township 13 North, Range 6 East, W.M., and Section 35 in Township 14 North, Range 6 East, W.M., The Griffin Rock Pit is located in Section 25 in Township 14 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The haul route is located in the same Sections plus Sections 8, 9, 10, 15, 17, 23 and 25 all in Township 14 North, 5 East, W.M., Section 31 in Township 14 North, Range 6 East, W.M. and Sections 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15 all in Township 13 North, Range 6 East, W.M. The proposal area is located approximately 15 miles southeast of Mineral in Lewis County. See the associated Forest Practices Application.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from December 21, 2009. Comments must be submitted by January 4, 2009.**

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